

Remarks

Applicants have provided a complete Claim Listing as required by the Notice. Claims 22, 24-57 and 98, as previously amended, as well as new claims 99-133, are currently pending in the Application. Applicants have added new claims 99-133 in an effort to reinstate claims 22 and 24-57, in the format that existed prior to the Response and Amendment of December 15, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the '092 reference and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the '092 application be withdrawn, in light of the Declaration filed by way of a Supplemental Reply on January 8, 2004.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, and in summary, Applicants believe that all issues and points of the Examiner's Office Action have been addressed in a sincere effort to advance prosecution of this Application. Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Please debit Deposit Account No. 50-0581 for any additional fees.

Dated this 16th day of January 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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